Black Butler

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CHAPTER 132

CHAPTER 132: THE BUTLER, APPROVING

KIN (CLANG)
RGH ...!
YOU CANNOT SCORE BY SWINGING BLINDLY!
HYU
HISO (WHISPER)
...How's your cold?
Ciel told me you couldn't go boating.
KIN
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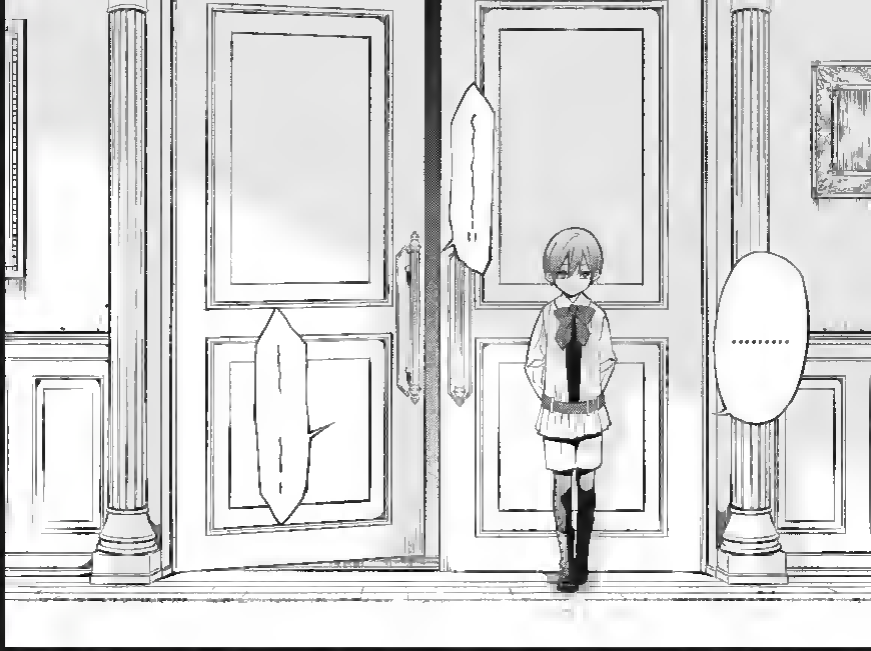
HYU (WHIZ)

YOU NEED TO TAKE SURER STEPS, CIEL!!
OH, VERY WELL. WE'LL END THERE FOR TODAY.
I'M FINE TODAY.
I'M NOT COUGHING AT ALL...
WAAH!!
DOTA THUD
CIEL!
PA (SHP)
AWWW~! THAT WAS SCARY..
MOTHER'S VERY STRICT.
PARDON THE INTRUSION.
THE AUTHORITY IN KINGCRAFT, PROFESSOR HUGHES, HAS ARRIVED.
.....

ALL RIGHT.
I'LL GO AFTER I CHANGE...
...SO YOU HEAD OVER TO THE LESSON FIRST.
WHAAAAT!?
BUT I WANTED TO PLAY WITH YOU SOME MORE, CIIIEL~!
I KNOW, BUT ALL THE SAME...
I REALIZE IT'S NOT FOR ME TO SAY, SINCE I'VE MARRIED OUT OF THE PHANTOMHIVE FAMILY...
...BUT SHOULD YOU NOT GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT?
BROTHER
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME-THING.
MMM
HOOD CREAK

.....
IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR HEIR, CIEL, THE SPARE MUST TAKE OVER AS HEAD OF THE FAMILY.
BUT THE BURDEN OF THE WATCHDOG'S DUTY IS FAR TOO GREAT FOR A WEAK CHILD LIKE HIM!
SHOULD THAT HAPPEN ...
...WE MAY HAVE TO RELINQUISH THE WATCHDOG'S DUTIES AND OUR ESTATE TO THE CROWN.
HOW IRRESPONSIBLE! PLEASE GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR UNDIVIDED CONSIDERATION!
FRANNIE, AT LEAST PUT DOWN THE SWORD FIRST.
YOU KNOW, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS—
BI (JAB)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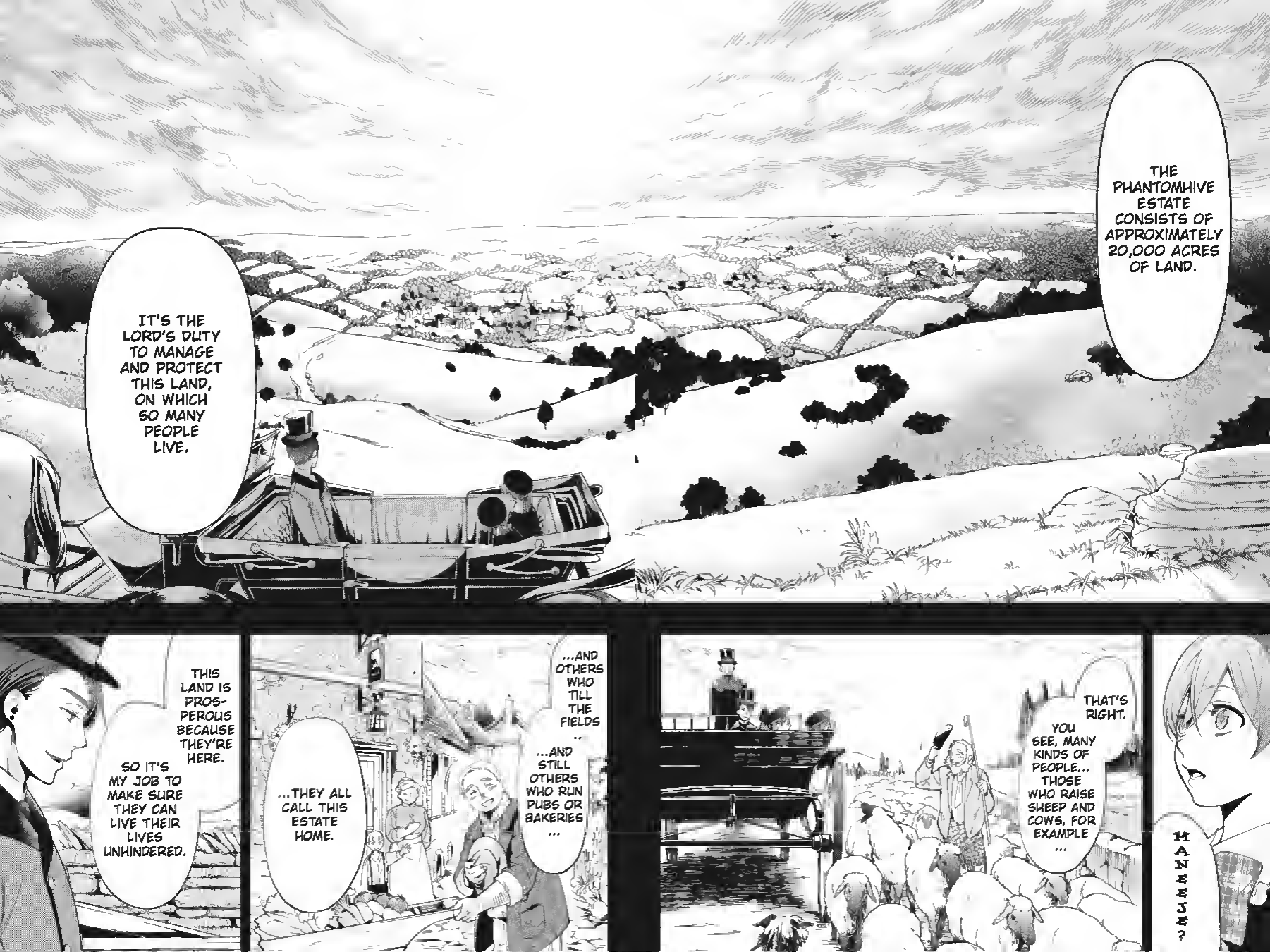
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY TODAY.
THERE! ALL DONE!
YOU BOTH LOOK MOST HANDSOME...
...JUST LIKE FINE GENTLEMEN.

ONE OF THE LORD'S MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES IS TO INSPECT HIS DOMAIN.
YOU WILL BE RIGHT THERE AT HIS SIDE, SO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE WAY YOUR FATHER CARRIES OUT HIS TASKS.
WE WILL!
FATHER?
WHAT SORT OF WORK DOES AN EARL DO?
HMM, LET'S SEE.
GATA
GOTO
GATA (CLATTER)
GOTO (CLOP)


THE PHANTOMHIVE ESTATE CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 20,000 ACRES OF LAND.
IT'S THE LORD'S DUTY TO MANAGE AND PROTECT THIS LAND, ON WHICH SO MANY PEOPLE LIVE.
MAMEEEE?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SEE, MANY KINDS OF PEOPLE... THOSE WHO RAISE SHEEP AND COWS, FOR EXAMPLE ...
...AND OTHERS WHO TILL THE FIELDS ..
...AND STILL OTHERS WHO RUN PUBS OR BAKERIES ...
...THEY ALL CALL THIS ESTATE HOME.
THIS LAND IS PROS-PEROUS BECAUSE THEY'RE HERE.
SO IT'S MY JOB TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN LIVE THEIR LIVES UNHINDERED.

IT INVOLVES THINGS LIKE BUILDING IRRIGATION CHANNELS TO CARRY WATER TO THE FIELDS, LIKE YOU SEE HERE ...
...OR REPAIRING COLLAPSED BRIDGES... THOSE THINGS WOULD BE HARD TO DO ALONE, RIGHT?
THEY ALSO COST A LOT
?
MAINTAINING HIS ESTATE SO HIS TENANTS CAN BE FREE TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO THEIR WORK...
THAT IS THE DUTY OF A LORD.
.....
EVEN SHEEP WILL GO ELSEWHERE IF THEY HAVE NO GRASS TO EAT.
BUT WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM IF WE WANT THEM TO WORK HARD FOR US.
I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ARE...
GRANTING EVERYONE'S WISHES SOUNDS DIFFICULT .....

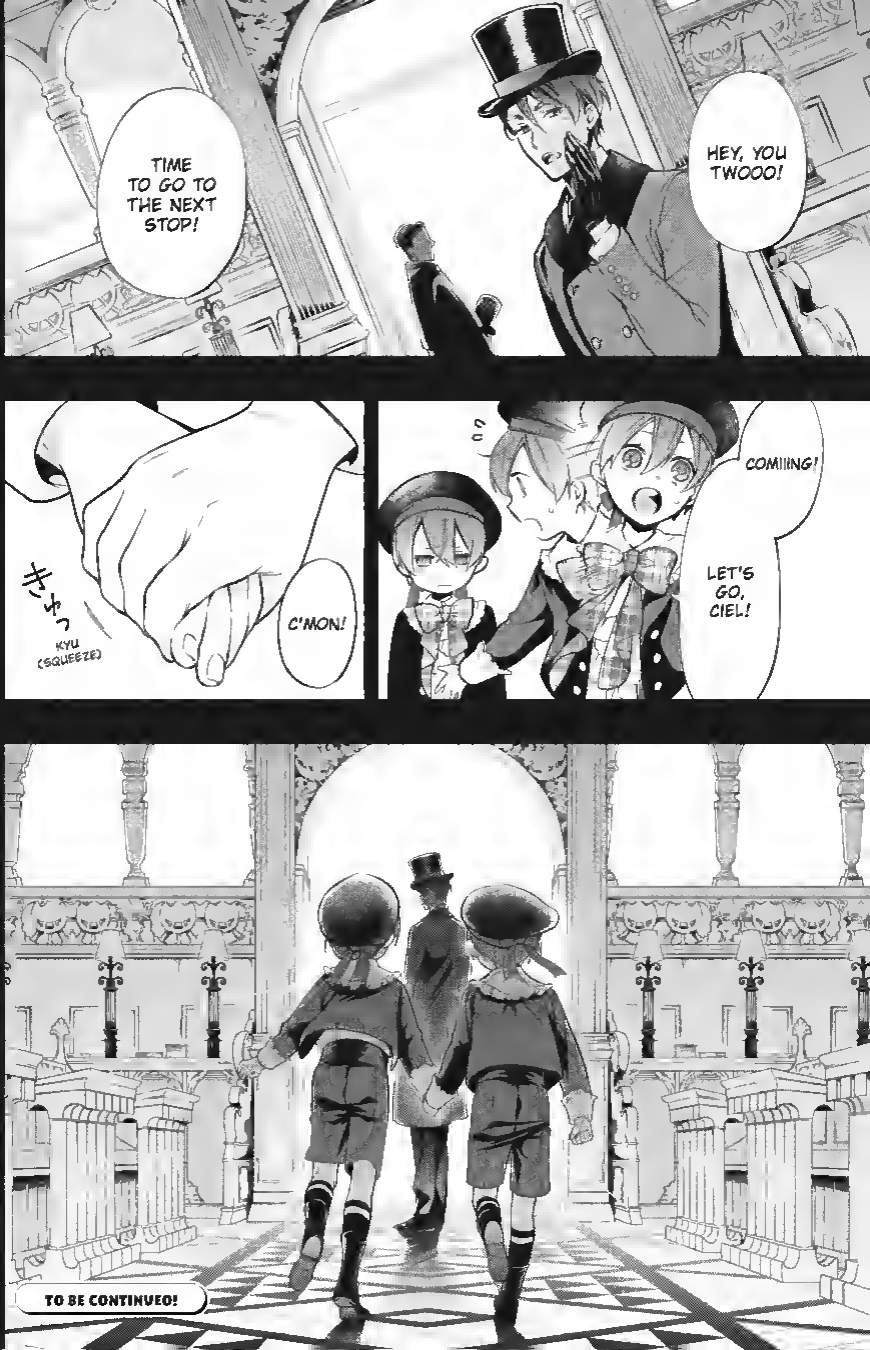
HA HA!
NOT TO WORRY.
VICAR RATHBONE HANDLES THE DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS.
VICAR RATHBONE, HOW'S THE VILLAGE DOING?
ARE THERE ANY CONCERNS THAT REQUIRE MY ATTENTION?
EARL PHANTOMHIVE!
THANK YOU FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DROP IN ON US!
NAMING, HMM...? IT'S CERTAINLY NOT MY FORTE...
MY WIFE NAMED OUR CHILDREN.
HNN...
THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL WANTS TO HIRE MORE NURSES, BUT THEY SEEM A BIT UNSURE ABOUT THEIR FINANCES.
THEN MAYBE I'LL THROW A CHARITY BALL.
I'LL SPEAK TO RACHEL ABOUT IT.
OH, AND SAM THE SHEPHERD'S GRANDDAUGHTER IS DUE NEXT MONTH...
...HE'D LIKE YOU TO NAME HER, EARL.

THAT REMINDS ME... YOUR SON'S NAME IS A RARE ONE FOR ENGLAND.
ALL OUR RELATIVES GRIMACED ...AND SAID WE SHOULD'VE CALLED HIM SOMETHING MORE TRADITIONAL AND DIGNIFIED
HA HA
BUT—
"TRADITIONAL ENGLISH NAMES ARE TEDIOUS."
—AN ERA WITH SUCH THINKING MIGHT NOT BE TOO FAR BEHIND.
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT! SORRY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, BUT...
...ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ST. MICHAEL'S FESTIVAL...

AN EARL SURE HAS A LOT OF WORK TO DO, HUH?
YEAH.
I WANT TO GROW UP TO BE A FINE MAN LIKE FATHER TOO.
I THINK YOU'LL MAKE A TERRIFIC EARL JUST LIKE FATHER WHEN YOU'RE BIG!
FOR SURE!
TEE-HEE-HEE. YOU THINK?
I WANT TO BE A LITTLE BROTHER YOU'LL BE PROUD OF, CIEL.
YOU ALREADY ARE!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?
A VICAR? A DOCTOR?
UMM...
WELL, I...

HUH!?
NOBLES DON'T SELL TOYS.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST BECOME A VICAR OR A DOCTOR AND LIVE NEARBY?
SEE, I WISH...
...THERE WERE MORE TOYS FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH INSIDE.
MAYBE I CAN'T BE LIKE FATHER OR YOU, CIEL...
...BUT I WANT TO BECOME CAPABLE IN MY OWN RIGHT.
IT'S JUST LIKE UNCLE DIEDRICH SAID.
.....
...WANT TO GO TO LONDON AND OPEN A TOY SHOP!

WHY'RE YOU SAYING THIS STUFF?
WE COULD ALWAYS BE TOGETHER IF YOU TOOK UP THE VICARAGE ON OUR ESTATE.
SO WHY DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE ME ALL ALONE?
WHAT?
.....
CIEL?
ALL ALONE ...?
BUT ELIZABETH WILL COME HERE AS YOUR BRIDE, CIEL!
THEN YOU'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, JUST LIKE FATHER AND MOTHER!


TIME TO GO TO THE NEXT STOP!
HEY, YOU TWOOO!
キュッ
KYU (SQUEEZE)
C'MON!
COMIING!
LET'S GO, CIEL!
TO BE CONTINUED!

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